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NOTED VISITOR—Allen W. Dulles, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, told interviewers here he is concerned about spy swaps. Times photo

Soviet Ahead in Spy Swaps, Dulles Declares

First CIA Director Points Out It's Easier for Reds to Plant Agents in Free Societies

The Soviet Union comes out ahead in spy swaps like the one completed last weekend between the United States and Russia, former Central Intelligence Agency director Allen W. Dulles said here Wednesday.

Dulles conceded he personally had approved the biggest spy-for-spy exchange between the two nations—the case of U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers for Soviet spy Col. Rudolph Abel in 1961.

He said during a press conference at the State Department that the general idea

Dulles, head of the CIA from its founding in 1949 until his retirement two years ago, explained:

"We have a situation where it is easier for the Soviet Union to plant spies in a free society than it is for the free world to put them in a police society where travelers need papers and movement is restricted."

Danger of Swapping

"If spy-swapping goes on there will be the danger that the Soviet Union, as it has in the past, will arrest innocent American travelers and throw them in jail."

This would permit Russia to dip into its "backlog" of jailed travelers to retrieve its professional spies, Dulles said.

Dulles was here to speak at a luncheon of the joint conventions of the American Cos. Assn. and the Pacific Coast Assn. During his speech and the press conference which preceded it, he made these other points:

1—Reports that the CIA cut across State Department policy in South Vietnam are "a myth"—"a subject of mischievous publicity." Dulles said: "President Kennedy exonerated and praised the CIA role here."

2—The decision to permit Mme. Ngo Dinh Nhu, South Vietnam's beautiful first lady, to visit the U.S. was a wise one, Dulles said, as she does not "sympathize" with her recent remarks, but "I'd best not criticize a charming lady." As to what she is seeking to accomplish with her barbed

"I think she's having a good time."

3—The Sino-Soviet rift is real. It stems primarily, he said, from China's "aggressiveness" and the USSR's pursuit of a "more subtle ideological policy." The Red Chinese are particularly miffed, he added, over Khrushchev's refusal to help them develop nuclear weapons.

4—Claims that the CIA is too aloof from public scrutiny and operates without control are unfounded. Dulles said not only is the CIA under control of the President, but must report to the appropriations and armed forces subcommittees of both